

CLAIMS

1. (original) A method for packaging a good by means of a package formed of a shrinkable lower film and a shrinkable upper film, the method comprising the steps of:
 - deep-drawing the lower film to form a container for accommodating the good;
 - placing the good into the container,
 - supplying the upper film above the filled container and covering the filled container and covering the filled container with the upper film,
 - evacuating and sealing the covered container along a rim, releasing said rim, and
 - subjecting the formed package to heat from all sides for all-side shrinking.
2. (original) The method for packaging a good according to claim 1, wherein the upper film is supplied in a pre-stressed condition.
3. (original) The method for packaging a good according to claim 1, wherein the upper film is heated before it is supplied above the filled container.
4. (original) The method for packaging a good according to claim 1, wherein the upper film is deep-drawn before being supplied above the filled container.
5. (original) The method for packaging a good according to claim 1, wherein after evacuating and before sealing an inert gas is supplied for filling cavities present in the good.

6. (withdrawn) A device for packaging a good, the device comprising
an input side and an output side,
an apparatus for laterally gripping and guiding a lower film to be supplied from the input side to
the output side,
a forming station arranged on the input side for forming containers,
an evacuating and sealing station,
an apparatus for supplying an upper film to the input side of the evacuating and sealing station,
a separating station at the output side and a heating station for subjecting the package to heat
from all sides for shrinking.
7. (withdrawn) The device of claim 6, further comprising a lateral guide apparatus for laterally guiding
the upper film.
8. (withdrawn) The device of claim 6, further comprising a heating apparatus for heating the upper
film.
9. (withdrawn) The device of claim 6, further comprising a forming station for forming the upper film,
the forming station being positioned upstream of the evacuating and sealing station.
10. (withdrawn) A package made of a strip-shaped shrinkable lower film and a strip-shaped shrinkable
upper film, the lower and upper films being sealed together along a rim, wherein the inside of the package
is evacuated, and wherein on all sides of the package, one of the upper and lower films rests against a
good positioned in the package.

11. (withdrawn) The package according to claim 10, wherein the package is separated from an adjacent package prior to being supplied to a shrinking apparatus for shrinking the upper and lower films.
12. (withdrawn) The package according to claim 10, wherein the seal between the upper and lower films is generated close to the good to be packaged.
13. (withdrawn) The package according to claim 12, wherein excess film that projects out from the seal is circumferentially cut off.
14. (withdrawn) The package according to claim 10, wherein cavities in the good are filled with an inert gas.
15. (withdrawn) The package according to claim 10, wherein the upper film is subjected to heat.
16. (withdrawn) The package according to claim 15, wherein the upper film is subjected to heat prior to the upper and lower films being sealed together.
17. (withdrawn) The package according to claim 10, wherein the lower film is subjected to heat.
18. (withdrawn) The package according to claim 10, wherein the upper film is pre-stressed prior to the upper and lower films being sealed together.

19. (withdrawn) The package according to claim 10, wherein the entire package is subjected to heat in order to shrink the upper and lower films.

20. (withdrawn) The package according to claim 10, wherein the upper film is deep-drawn prior to the upper and lower films being sealed together.

21. (new) A method for packaging a good by means of a package formed of a shrinkable lower film and a shrinkable upper film, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a device for packaging a good, having an input side and an output side, an apparatus for laterally gripping and guiding a the lower film to be supplied from the input side to the output side, a forming station arranged on the input side for forming containers, an evacuating and sealing station, an apparatus for supplying the upper film to the input side of the evacuating and sealing station, a separating station at the output side and a heating station for subjecting the package to heat from all sides for shrinking; and

placing the good into the container;

supplying the upper film above the filled container and covering the filled container with the upper film;

evacuating and sealing the covered container along a rim, releasing said rim; and

subjecting the formed package to heat from all sides for all-side shrinking.

22. (new) The method of claim 21, further comprising providing a lateral guide apparatus for laterally guiding the upper film.

23. (new) The method of claim 21, further comprising providing a heating apparatus for heating the upper film.

24. (new) The method of claim 21, further comprising a forming station for forming the upper film, the forming station being positioned upstream of the evacuating and sealing station.

25. (new) The package made by the method of Claim 21.